GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR NATIONAL WATERWAYS AND SHIPBUILDING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allotted for National Waterway-1, 2 and 3 projects and shipbuilding (including Jetty construction) in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the amount allocated/released has been fully utilised and the projects completed as per plan;

(c) if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) the benefits accruing to Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern regions from the above projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) The total amount allotted/released during each of the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount released (Rupees in crore)
2000-01	18.12
2001-02	27.93
2002-03	41.48

(b) & (c) The amount released has been fully utilised. However, not all the projects have been completed as per plan due to delay in land acquisition, contractual problems, etc.

(d) All improvements in facilities in the Inland Water Sector such as fairway, navigational aids, terminals, etc. in National Waterway Nos. 1 & 2 have benefited Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and North Eastern regions in terms of availability of an alternate mode of transport in this region.